

OPEN SPACE COUNCIL  
July 20, 2018  
9:00 a.m.  
Legislative Hall  
Senate Hearing Room, Second Floor  
Dover, Delaware

**ATTENDANCE**

Council Members:

John R. Schroeder, Chairperson  
Rep. Gerald Brady  
Sen. Bruce Ennis  
Paul Boswell, Esq  
Dorothy Leventry

Advisory To:

Shawn Garvin, DNREC, Secretary

Ex-Officios:

Ray Bivens, State Liaison Officer, LWCF, DNREC

Staff:

Tim Slavin, HCA, Director  
Patricia Cannon, DOS, Director, Special Projects  
Matthew Chesser, DNREC Parks & Recreation, Administrator  
Elena Stewart, DNREC, Parks & Recreation  
Craig Rhoads, DNREC, Fish & Wildlife  
Austin Short, DDA  
Chris Miller, DDA, Delaware Forest Service  
Kerri Yandrich, DNREC, DCCE  
Kristin Barnekov-Short, DNREC Chief of Staff  
Lisa Borin-Ogden, DNREC, Deputy Secretary

Visitors:

Cathy Parsells, Executive Director, Kalmar Nyckel Foundation  
Richard Tull, Treasurer, Nanticoke Conservancy  
Marlene Mervine, Executive Director, Nanticoke Conservancy

**I. Call to Order/Introductions/Announcements**

John Schroeder, Chairperson, called the July 20, 2018 Open Space Council (OSC) meeting to order.  
He welcomed Council members, staff and visitors.

**II. Minutes of December Meeting**

The minutes of the April 6, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

### **III. Financial Report**

Elena Stewart presented the financial report:

<b>Open Space Program Fund Outlook</b>			
<b>7/20/18</b>			
<b>Current Funds</b>			
Realty Transfer Tax	7/9/2018	<b>\$4,147,806.12</b>	
Garrett Snuff Mills Property	12/6/2017	\$7,000.00	
Whitehead	12/6/2016	\$10,000.00	
ABC Woodlands (DFS)	12/6/2017	\$1,835,000.00	
JGR, LLC (NVF)	12/6/2017	\$300,000.00	
Selby	12/6/2017	\$425,000.00	
McClements	12/6/2017	\$1,000.00	
Wolfe Neck	4/6/2018	\$5,000.00	
Mispillion Harbor	4/6/2018	\$300,000.00	
Groome	4/6/2018	\$1,000,000.00	exp 7/20/18
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,883,000.00</b>	
<b>Balance Available Through 12/15/18</b>		<b>\$264,806.12</b>	

### **IV. Old Business**

#### A. Completed projects

1. Mispillion Harbor Properties, Mispillion Preserve, F&W – Craig Rhoads shared that the Hoch Property had been finalized; however, they were still working on the 2 properties on the southeast corner of the project which would be discussed in Executive Session.

### **V. New Business**

- A. Elena shared the Regulations were to be published in the August 1 issue of the Monthly Register of Regulations since the previous version had a typo. Once the public comment period ended, the Regulations would be final.
- B. Council Open Discussion  
None.
- C. Public Comments  
Marlene Mervine shared that the Nanticoke Conservancy was working on a joint project with the National Park Service to establish a trailhead for the Captain John Smith Water Trail in Seaford at an old oyster house.

### **VI. Executive Session**

#### A. Discussion of Site Acquisitions

**VII. Open Session**

**A. Council Project Recommendations**

1. Deerfield Farms Property, Parks, Fork Branch Natural Area (12.6 acres)  
Paul Boswell made the motion to approve up to \$275,000 for the acquisition of fee simple title to the Deerfield Farms Property with the understanding that a lesser amount would be used if it was only necessary to acquire a conservation easement on the property. Dorothy Leventry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
2. Masten Property, F&W, Milford Neck Wildlife Area (58 acres)  
Dorothy made a motion to approve up to \$260,000 for the acquisition of the Masten Property in Milford Neck. Rep. Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
3. Burrows Property, F&W, Eagles Nest Wildlife Area (185 acres)  
Dorothy made a motion to approve up to \$1,115,000 for the acquisition of the Burrows Property. Rep. Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
4. Caffini Property, F&W, Eagles Nest Wildlife Area (26.9 acres)  
Rep. Brady made a motion to approve up to \$400,000 for the acquisition of the Caffini Property. Dorothy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
5. Hamonko Property, F&W, Tappahana Wildlife Area (22 acres)  
Paul made the motion to approve up to \$55,000 for the acquisition of the Hamonko Property. Rep. Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
6. Thorton Property, F&W, Tappahana Wildlife Area (7 acres)  
Rep. Brady made the motion to approve up to \$60,000 for the acquisition of the Thorton Property. Sen. Ennis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
7. Cooch Property, HCA (9.64 acres)  
Rep. Brady made the motion to approve up to \$885,000 for the acquisition of the Cooch Property. Dorothy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
8. Kaiser Property, HCA (1.1 acres)  
Rep. Brady made the motion to approve up to \$300,000 for the acquisition of the Kaiser Property, contingent on the appraised value determined by an appraisal. Dorothy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Next Meeting Date/Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Open Space Council is scheduled for September 14, 2018 in Legislative Hall, Second Floor, Senate Hearing Room, Dover, DE 19901, starting at 9:00 a.m. Dorothy Leventry let the Council know she had moved to Pennsylvania and questioned whether she would have to vacate her position since she is no longer a Delaware resident. John asked Elena to look into whether she could still stay on.

John thanked everyone and asked for a motion to adjourn.